

Palm Sunday



THE ROMAN EMPIRE IN A.D. 30



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Jesus' entry into
Jerusalem



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Matthew 21:1 – 11 (NLT)



Matthew 21: 7

They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.



Zechariah 9:9 (NLT)

Rejoice, O people of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!

Look, your king is coming to you.

He is righteous and victorious,
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey's colt.



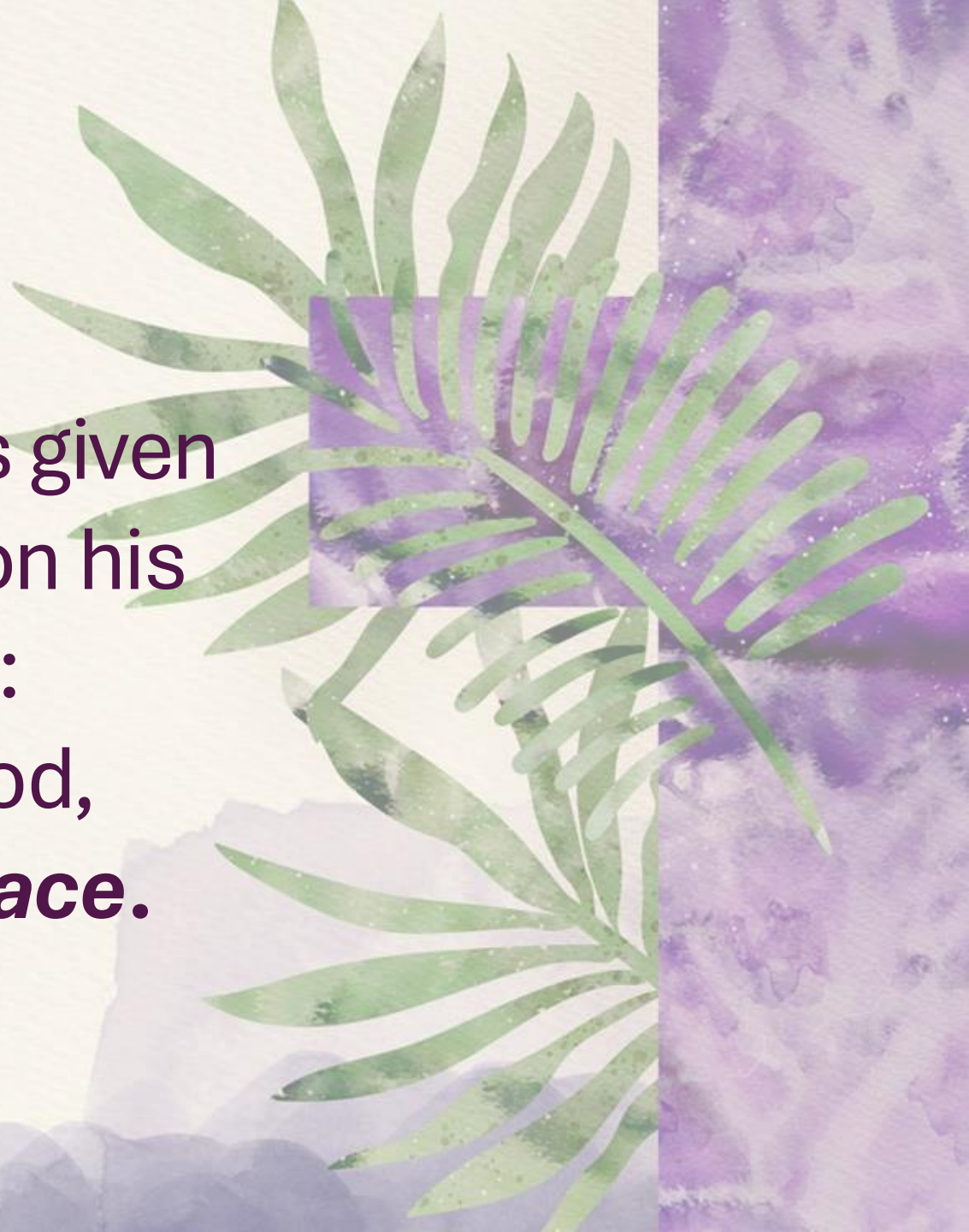
1 Kings 1:33 (NLT)

... King [David] said to them, 'Take Solomon and my officials down to Gihon Spring. Solomon is to ride on my own mule.'



Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, ***Prince of Peace.***





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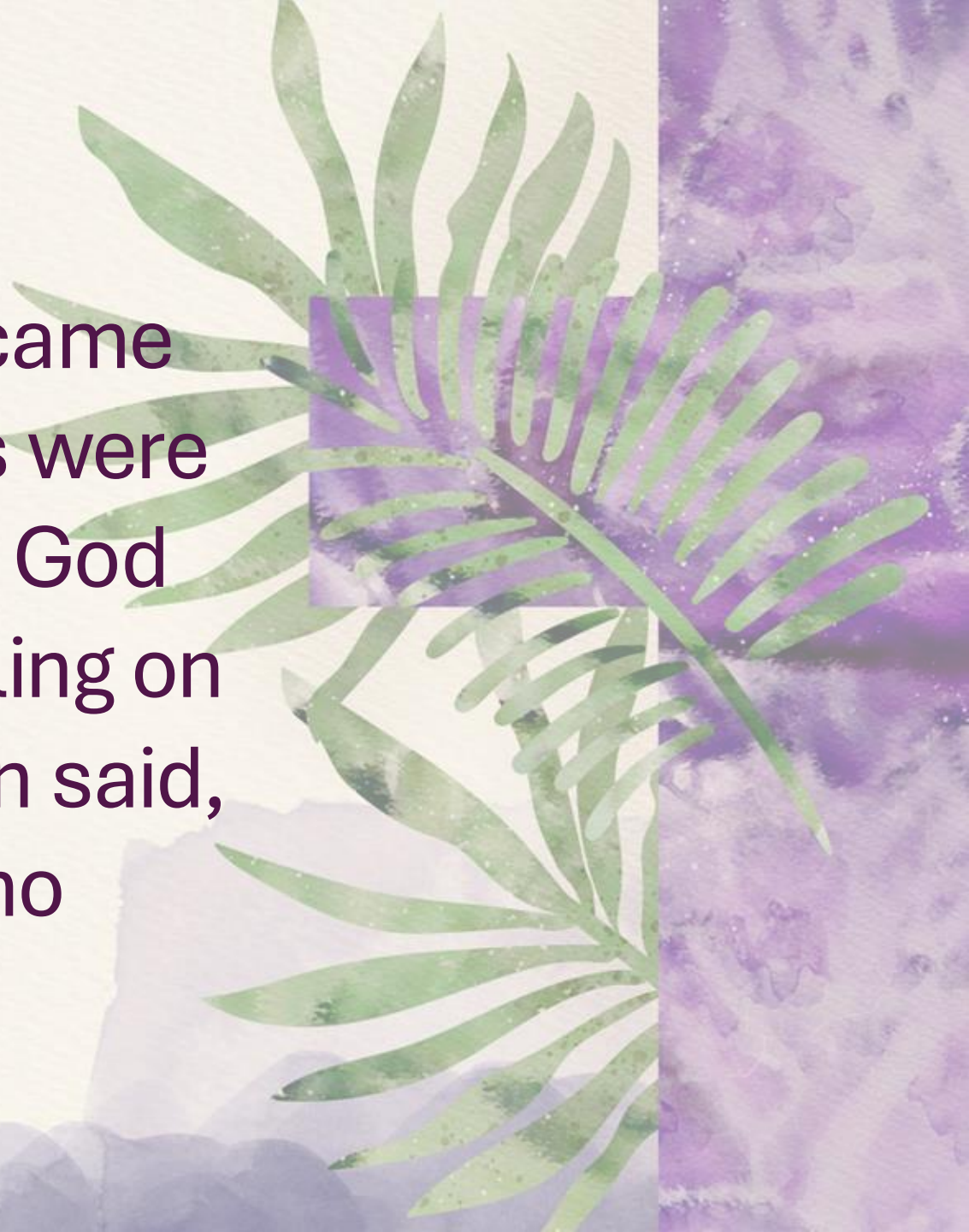
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Matthew 3: 16 – 17 (NLT)

16 After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”



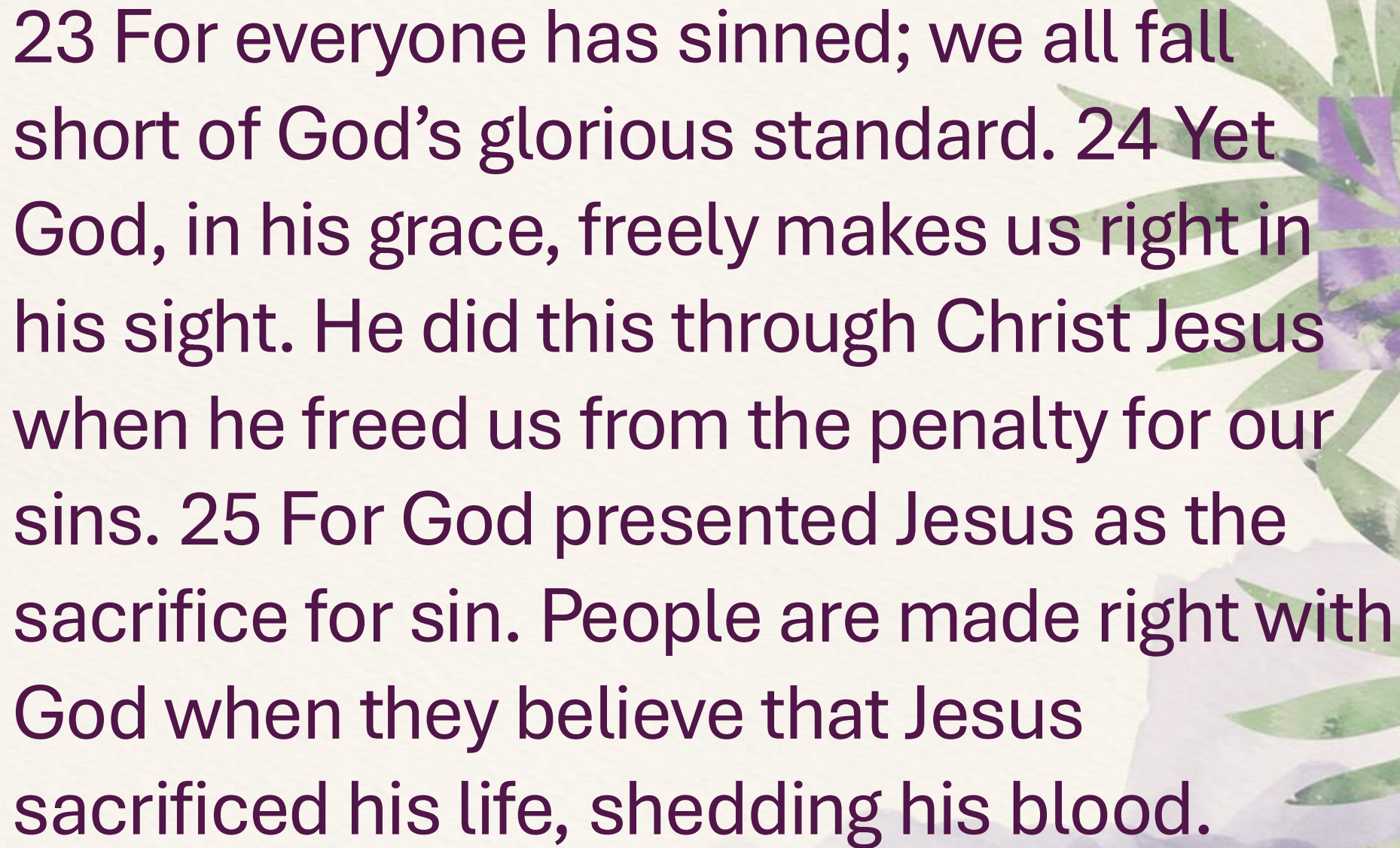
John 1:29 (NLT)

The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The ***Lamb of God*** who takes away the sin of the world!



Roman's 3: 23 – 25 (NLT)

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.





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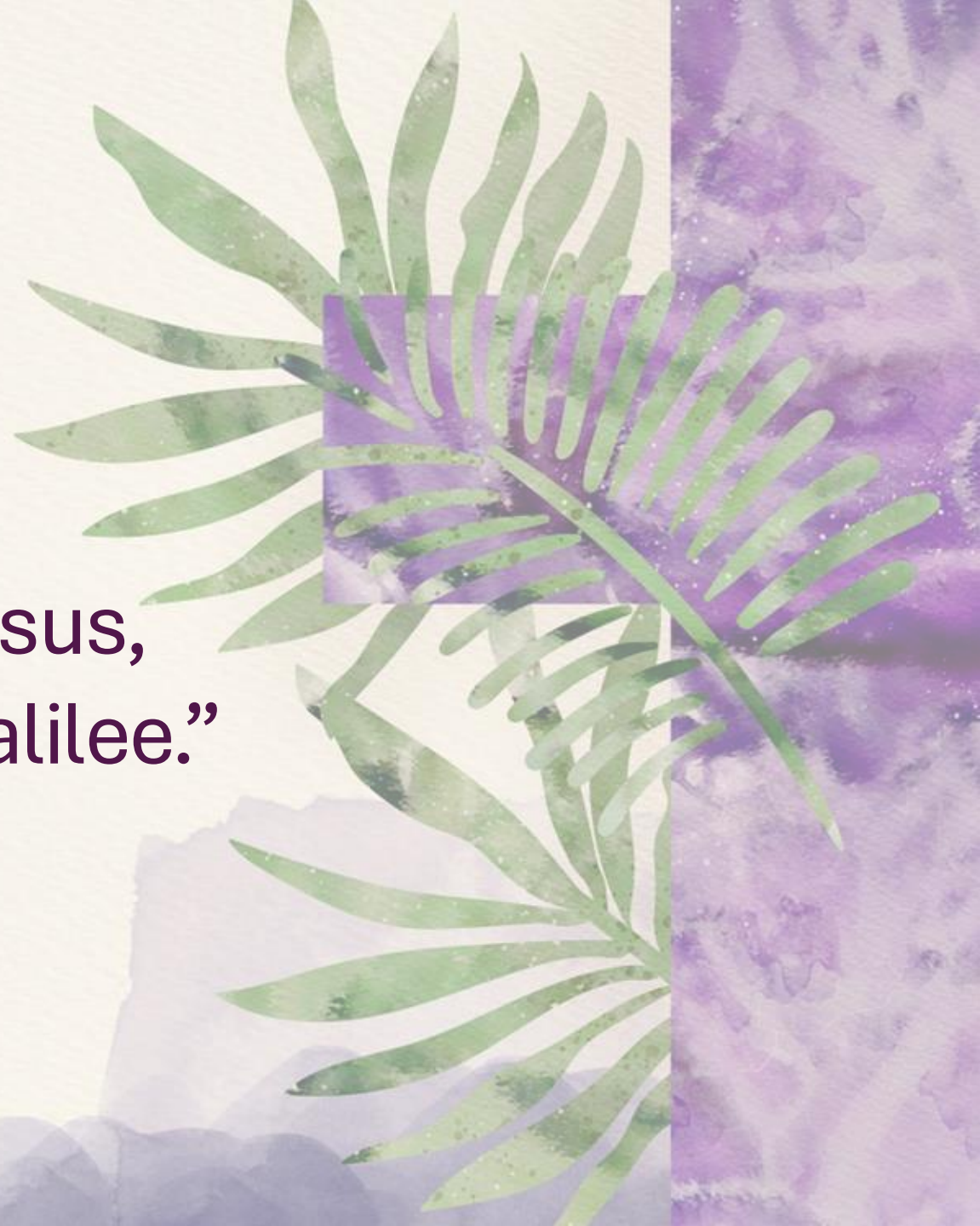
Matthew 21: 10


The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked.



Matthew 21: 11

And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus,
the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”





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Matthew 21: 8

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.



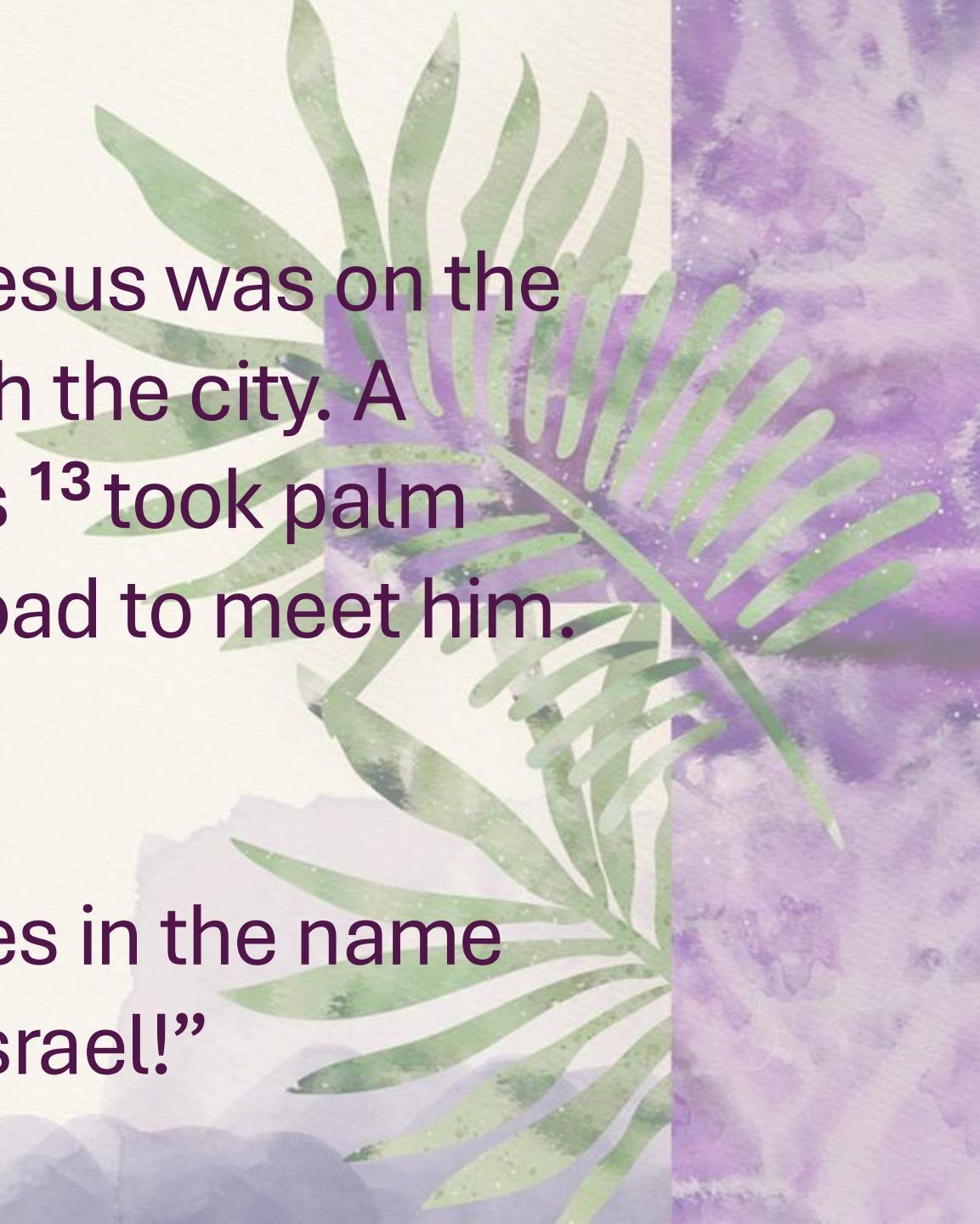
John 12: 12 – 13 (NLT)

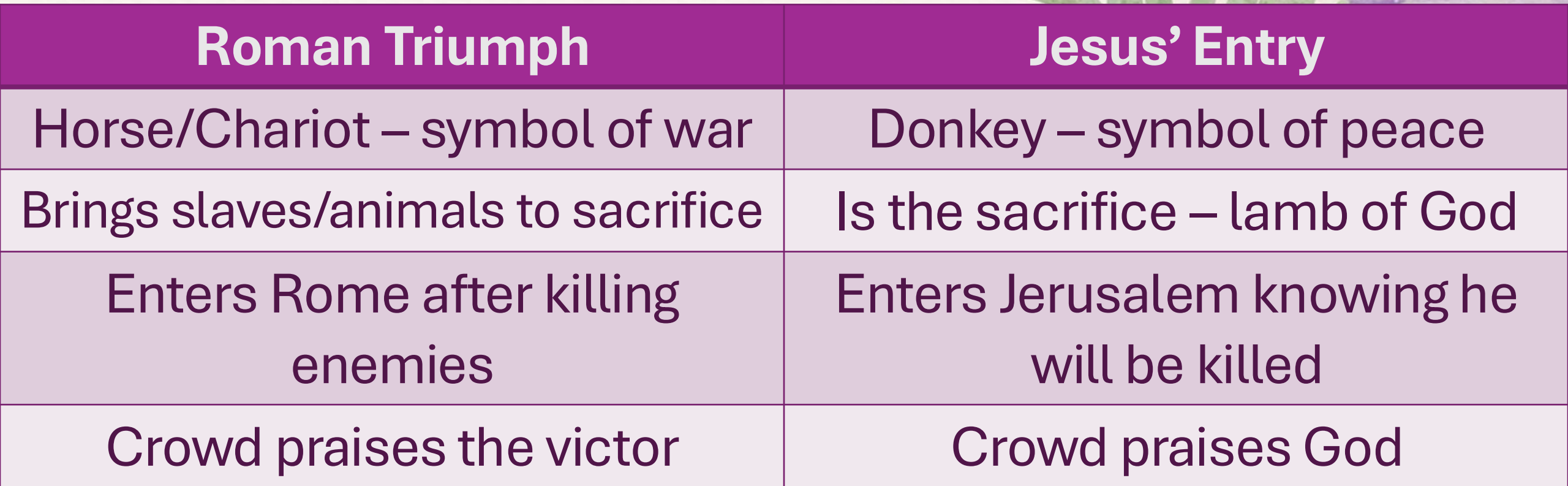
¹² The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors ¹³ took palm branches and went down the road to meet him.

They shouted,

“Praise God! [Hosanna]

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!”





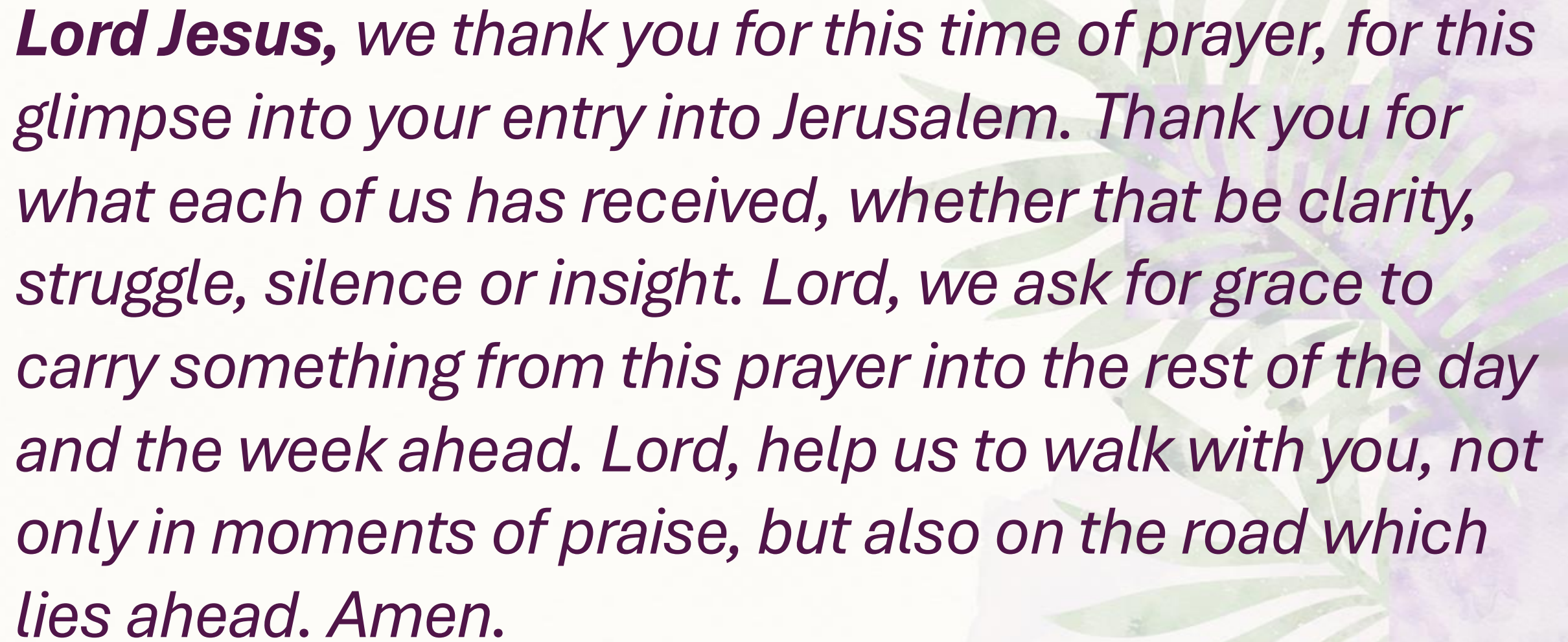
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Celebration of past victory	Hope for future deliverance
Enemies: captured and killed	Enemies: loved and forgiven

St Ignatius of Loyola – 16th Century Mystic







Lord Jesus, we thank you for this time of prayer, for this glimpse into your entry into Jerusalem. Thank you for what each of us has received, whether that be clarity, struggle, silence or insight. Lord, we ask for grace to carry something from this prayer into the rest of the day and the week ahead. Lord, help us to walk with you, not only in moments of praise, but also on the road which lies ahead. Amen.

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